

'WETS' ORGANIZE FOR JULY 4 PARADE

Meeting of Fifty Enthusiasts
Said to Have 80,000 Pledges
Already.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

Treasury Begins With \$334
and Offices Opened at 2
Stone Street.

Fifty persons who were the first to rally to the call of Frank C. Drake, who is "willing to be the temporary goat" in organizing all those who look unkindly upon the Volstead act, met in the Hotel Astor last night and completed preliminary arrangements for the anti-prohibition parade of 100,000 marchers which Mr. Drake will lead past the reviewing stand on the Fourth of July. Nearly 80,000 persons have already pledged their participation.

In the words of Director-General Drake, "it's going to be the drum beat for a finish fight." A mass meeting at which the campaign is to be developed further will follow the parade.

The peace of last night's meeting was threatened at the outset when Michael J. Buckley, chief organizer of the parade which swung past Mayor Hylan's door in Brooklyn on the night of May 14, jumped to his feet and accused Mr. Drake of "grabbing" his idea. It was conceded to Mr. Buckley that he could be a member of the executive committee and an honorary marshal.

Another speaker was F. C. Harley, former Mayor of Astoria, Ore., who said he was the first man to run for Governor of any State on a wet ticket. Mr. Harley informed the committee that he had drunk with more men in Oregon since his defeat than his opponent had secured votes in the election. The chair-

man of the committee on publicity is to be Miss A. M. Jungmann, who said she was formerly managing editor of The Ladies' Home Journal. Miss Belle Norton of Skeff Knott's office is to serve on three committees. W. J. McIlvane of Kings County Test of the American Legion is to undertake the work of enlisting service men in the movement. I. Wallace Hopkins heads the parade committee.

C. H. Bulmer, showman, with Director-General Drake and Honorary Marshal Buckley are the executive committee. Finances are to be handled by Michael J. McCarthy, Deputy Registrar of New York county. The sum of \$334 was raised last night to open the treasury. Temporary offices have been provided for the organization by Harry R. Zeiner at 2 Stone street.

ARTHUR HAMMERSTEIN IS SUED FOR \$500,000

Stepmother Alleges He Is
Guilty of Slandering Her.

Mrs. Oscar Hammerstein, widow of the Impresario, extended considerably yesterday her prospect of various court actions by serving Arthur Hammerstein, her step son, with papers in a suit for slander in which she claims damages of \$500,000. Mr. Hammerstein was served by a process server in the presence of Mrs. Hammerstein, as he was about to board the Aquitania for a two month's stay in London and Paris. He continued on his way. Mrs. Hammerstein said afterward that she was quite willing to wait for his return before talking her suit into court.

Mrs. Hammerstein explained that her suit for slander was based upon a statement issued by her step son last Thursday, in which she alleges he uttered certain strictures against her that only be answered in court. She also said that the suit is one of four actions she has about to bring against her step son.

Both Leagues to Sell Poppies.

The Board of Aldermen steered clear yesterday of the quarrel between the American French Children's League and the American Franco Children's League, Inc., by granting the rival petitions to allow them to sell poppies on the streets for the benefit of their purposes. The dispute of the organization concerns which is the originator of the poppy sale idea.

ORDERS SEIZED WINE RETURNED TO OWNER

Judge McMahon Scolds Cops
Who Invade Home Without
a Warrant.

Policemen who seized seventy-five gallons of wine in the home of Giuseppe Guerini, 101 York street, Brooklyn, without a search warrant were ordered yesterday by County Judge MacMahon in Brooklyn to return the liquor and were taken to task for exceeding their authority. Judge MacMahon said he felt it was a "great wrong" for any officer to take upon himself the authority of entering a man's home without a warrant and "a dangerous procedure."

The case against Guerini was subsequently dismissed by the Grand Jury when it was brought out the wine had been seized without a warrant.

As a result of the laying off of the entire Brooklyn force of Federal prohibition enforcement agents a large proportion of the 500 cases on the calendar of the Federal Court in Brooklyn involving alleged violations of the Volstead act may go by default. The indictments in these cases were obtained through evidence submitted by these agents, some of whom have left the city, while others are unwilling to appear as prosecuting witnesses because of their loss of work.

Although an emergency appropriation of \$200,000 is expected to go through Congress shortly, it is expected that political influences will seek to replace the former agents with Republican appointees.

The situation which has resulted was encountered yesterday by Judge Cooper in the United States District Court when in two cases called before him for trial the Government was not prepared to proceed because the two witnesses, having lost their jobs, had left New York.

Four raids and four arrests within twenty-four hours were made in one saloon, at 124 Madison street. The proprietor, Jake Abramovitz, was taken from behind his bar early Monday eve-

ning, and again in a third raid at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

In the interim between Abramovitz's two arrests, the police nabbed John Larick, his bartender. Just before noon yesterday the place was raided a fourth time, and Mrs. Jake Abramovitz was arrested, charged with selling a bottle of whiskey. In the Tombs Court yesterday afternoon Abramovitz was held in \$1,000 bail and each of the others in \$500 bail.

Seven jail sentences for infractions of

New Jersey's new dry law were imposed in Hudson county yesterday by Judge James W. McCarthy. The maximum penalty was four months in jail and a fine of \$250 and costs in the case of Dominick Sinisi, convicted of running a "blind tiger" opposite the Summit avenue tube station in Jersey City.

The Federal Grand Jury in Brooklyn has returned indictments against Charles Berlin, lawyer, at 44 Court street; Edward Donegan, contractor, and Samuel Tushan and Alexander Sinchow, the

latter officers of the Estee Laboratory, 197 Albany avenue. Tushan and Sinchow had a permit to remove liquor from the Estee Laboratory. Instead, according to Federal agents, it was taken to 281 Seventh avenue. Donegan is alleged to have been the owner of the liquor. Berlin was indicted on a charge of attempted bribery of a revenue agent. He was held in \$10,000 bail, pleading not guilty; the others were continued under their old bail for pleading to-day.

TO ATTACK BURNHAM WILL Asserted That More Than Half Was Left to Charity.

Counsel for Frederick W. Burnham, an incompetent who is a patient at the Hudson River State Hospital at Poughkeepsie, notified Surrogate Slater of Westchester county yesterday that Burnham will bring an action asking to

have the will of his father, William B. Burnham, set aside.

The elder Burnham, who died in Port Chester two years ago and left an estate valued at \$1,000,000, left his son the income of a trust fund of \$15,000. The son proposes to bring his action on the ground that his father left more than half his property to charity while he had issue living.

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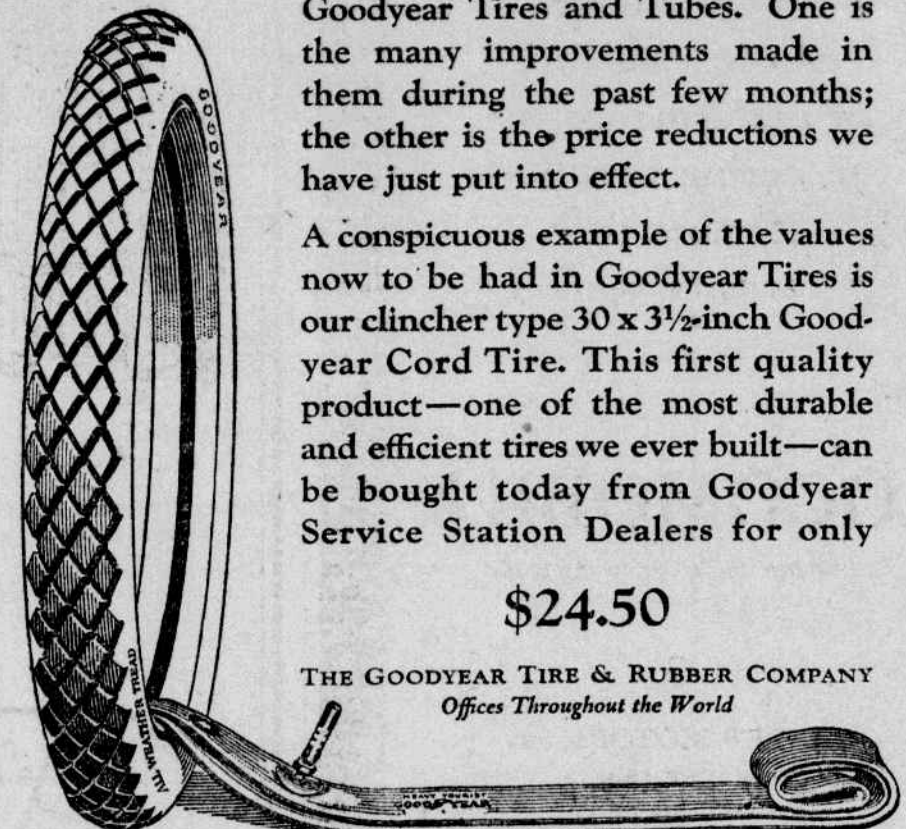
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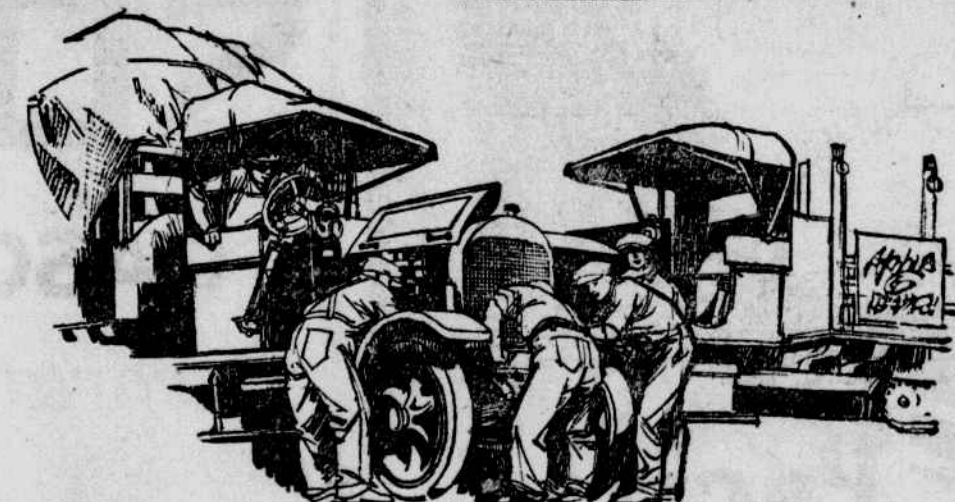
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